

“How to respond to personal attacks”

Nehemiah 6

Three tactics the enemy uses to attack:

1. Distraction

How can I avoid being distracted?

1. Prayer

“The prudent see danger and take refuge. But the simple keep going and suffer for it.” Proverbs 27:12

2. Focused attention

“Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.” Song of Solomon 2:15

2. Slander

Principle: It is not slander when someone draws a reasonable conclusion from the choices that we make.

How do you respond to slander?

A. Ignore it

B. Give a defense to it

Principle: When the criticism is undermining the message or the work God has called you to accomplish – you need to respond.

3. Intimidation

Principle: You will serve who you fear.

4. Infiltration

How do you respond when you are under personal attack? (Psalms 26)

1. Be open before the Lord
2. Remember God loves you
3. Refuse the temptation to get even

4. Keep a positive attitude
5. Be faithful in public worship
6. Patiently stand and wait for help

“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”